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In re Application of:)
Masahide KATSUKI et at.) Group Art Unit: 2834 ✓
Serial No.: 09/964,438) Examiner: Judson Jones
Filed: September 28, 2001)
For: LINEAR MOTOR DRIVE)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-206100 (the "Japanese reference"). The Examiner advised Applicants of "the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made." See Office Action, page 2. The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the

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